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In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant wishes to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the items are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

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- (1) Nakaya et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,585,856, issued December 17, 1996;

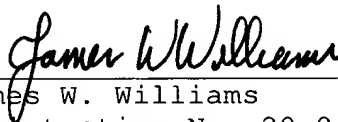
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- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
(A) 08-340480 (HITACHI DENSHI LTD), published
December 24, 1996; and
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No.
(A) 2000-050148 (HITACHI DENSHI LTD), published
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Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

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